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Q: How many U.S. personnel are currently in Saudi Arabia in support of previous FMS sales and contracts? For the F-15s, each F-15 enhancement, refueling capability, and airborne surveillance, how many U.S. personnel would be required, and for how long?

A: There are 4,546 U.S. personnel in Saudi Arabia in support of previous FMS sales and contracts. It is anticipated that up to 1,724 U.S. personnel will be required in Saudi Arabia in support of the F-15s, the enhancement items, a refueling capability, and an airborne surveillance system if all of these systems are approved for sale to Saudi Arabia. The anticipated requirement breakdown as follows:

| ITEM | TOTAL REQUIREMENT | LENGTH OF TIME |
|---|---|---|
| F-15 Aircraft | 1008 | 8 for indefinite period<br>1000 - commencing in 1980; peaking in 1983-85 time frame; and followed by gradual drawdown. |
| Conformal Fuel Tanks | 0 | N.A. |
| AIM-9L Missile | 6 | 3 for 2 years<br>3 indefinitely |
| Aerial Refueling Aircraft | 200-300 | 3+ years |
| Airborne Surveillance | 410 | As presently planned, 38 for 2+ years, 372 for 3+ years; both groups to be gradually reduced in number thereafter. |